

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 508  
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of McAllen Foutch, former  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it was with great sorrow and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the death of McAllen Foutch, who during his eight terms and sixteen years as a member of this Body was highly regarded as a fair, honest and objective legislator; and

WHEREAS, a native of DeKalb County, McAllen Foutch served his fellow citizens with the utmost probity, acumen and integrity as a member of the House of Representatives during the 73rd through 78th General Assemblies and again during the 80th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the very epitome of the informed and compassionate public servant, Mr. Foutch tempered his concern for his constituents with his desire to perpetuate the greater good for the entire state; and

WHEREAS, his astute service was appropriately recognized when he was named "Most Outstanding Legislator" by the Tennessee Press Association on two separate occasions; and

WHEREAS, during the 76th and 77th General Assemblies, Mr. Foutch assumed the mantle of leadership to serve adroitly as Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foutch proved to be a firm, but fair, leader; he always took the time to listen to both sides of any given issue, then considered the comprehensive effect on the state, and finally made a decision based upon the dictates of common sense, justice and morality; and

WHEREAS, McAllen Foutch also served with distinction as a member of the Senate during the 79th General Assembly, representing the good people of DeKalb, Cannon and Rutherford Counties with the same sagacity and humanity he had previously evidenced as a member of the House; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foutch was a distinguished member of the General Assembly during a very exciting and progressive period, serving alongside such legendary legislators as “Mister Jim” Cummings, Pete Haynes and I.D. Beasley; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the legislature, Mr. Foutch returned home to Smithville, and became very active in local and civic affairs; and

WHEREAS, he helped to found and served as chief legal counsel for both the DeKalb Telephone Cooperative and Middle Tennessee Utility District; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding public servant and exemplary gentleman also served as counsel for Smithville Electric System, vice-president of WJLE Broadcasting Company, chairman of the board of Citizens Bank and city attorney for the municipalities of Alexandria, Dowelltown, Liberty and Smithville; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Foutch evidenced his robust faith in the Lord by means of his long time membership at the Missionary Baptist Church of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Sallie Parker Foutch; four daughters, LeAnn Judkins, LuAllen Foutch, Sara Faircloth and Dorothy Holman; and nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, McAllen Foutch was truly a peerless public servant, and both his accomplishments and conduct will serve as a benchmark for future legislators for years to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor the august memory of McAllen Foutch, reflecting fondly upon

his legislative career that stands unparalleled in integrity and achievement and his numerous contributions to DeKalb County and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express sympathy and extend our condolences to his family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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